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EXAMINING GROUP 3731

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Craig Bonsignore Confirmation No.: 9527  
Appln. No. : 10/688,171  
Filed : October 17, 2003  
Title : Stent Design Having Independent Stent Segments Which  
Uncouple Upon Deployment  
Art Unit : 9527  
Examiner : Sonnett, Kathleen C.

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 24, 2006, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin  
on page two of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.